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# THE SPIRIT

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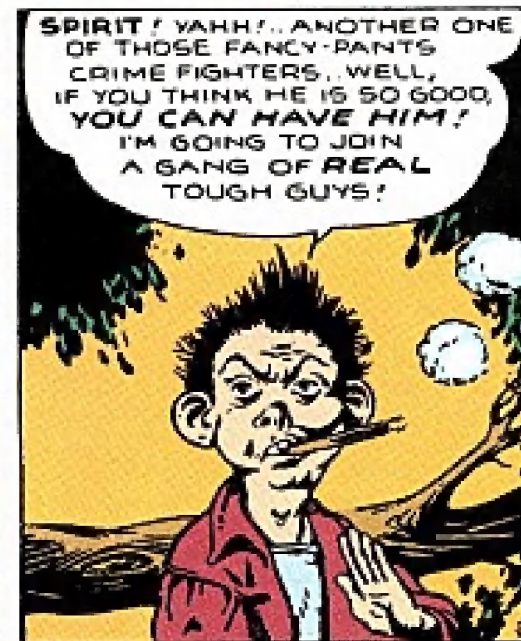
THE  
TWO-FISTED  
SPIRIT, SO MUCH  
FEARED BY THE EVIL  
UNDERWORLD, IS NONE  
OTHER THAN DENNY COLT,  
WHOM THE POLICE BELIEVE  
DEAD.

BURIED BY MISTAKE IN WILDWOOD,  
THE SPIRIT USES THE VERY  
GRAVE HE AROSE FROM AS A  
HEADQUARTERS FOR HIS  
WAR AGAINST CRIME....

NIGHT IN A STATE ORPHANAGE.

IT MUST BE  
SWELL TO BE  
A REAL  
BIG-TIME  
GANGSTER!









SO YOU THINK YOU'D LIKE TO BE A GANGSTER? WELL, COME WITH ME. I'LL SHOW YOU JUST WHAT GANGSTERS ARE MADE OF!



THIS IS MY ASSISTANT, EBONY WHITE... GET ME THE FILE ON "RIPPER REGAN."

YASSUH, MIST' SPIRIT BOSS!



HMM...THE GROCERY PROTECTION RACKET!

A FEW HOURS LATER IN A LITTLE GROCERY SHOP, THE SPIRIT AND BILLY CROUCH BEHIND A BARREL...



A FEW MINUTES LATER.



DO YOU PAY, OR DO WE...?



NOTICE? AS SOON AS DANGER THREATENS, THEY USE THEIR GUNS INSTEAD OF THEIR BRAINS!!



VERY WELL, THEN WE'LL VISIT THE "RIPPER" HIMSELF... AND INCIDENTALLY, CLEAN UP THE WHOLE EVIL RACKET!



DOWN  
SLUM  
DISTRICTS,  
THROUGH  
WINDING  
ALLEYS,  
THEY  
THREAD  
THEIR  
WAY.

EVER NOTICE, BILLY,  
CROOKS HIDE VERY  
MUCH LIKE  
RATS?



GEE!  
YOU'RE  
STRONG!



STICK 'EM  
UP!

YOU SEE, THEY  
ALWAYS SNEAK  
UP FROM  
BEHIND!

(GULP)  
IT... IT'S  
THE  
SPIRIT!

WELL! WELL!  
IF IT ISN'T  
"TRIGGER"  
GANG! SEE  
HOW SCARED  
HE IS,  
BILLY?

BUT WITH  
A GUN IN  
HIS HAND,  
HE'S BRAVE!

HEY, BOSS!  
WE'VE CAUGHT  
THE SPIRIT!

SO THE MIGHTY  
SPIRIT WALKED  
RIGHT INTO OUR  
HIDEOUT... YOU'RE  
TOO SMART TO  
COME ALONE...  
WHAT'S THE  
GAME?

JUST  
TAKING  
BILLY  
SLUMMING.

LOOK  
WHO'S  
HERE!  
HELLO,  
BARNEY!

HYA,  
BILLY!

I'M A  
REGULAR  
MEMBER!  
WANNA  
JOIN? I  
CAN GET  
YOU  
IN!

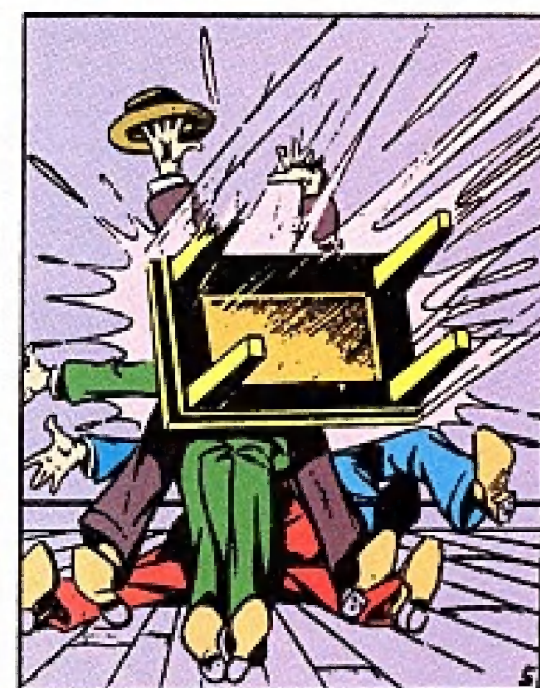
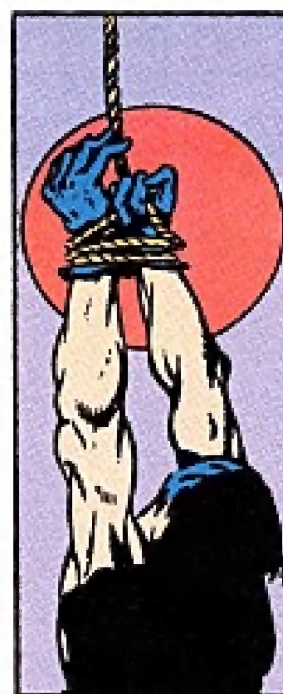
WHO SEZ  
SO! SHUT  
UP, YA  
SQUIRT!

SEE?

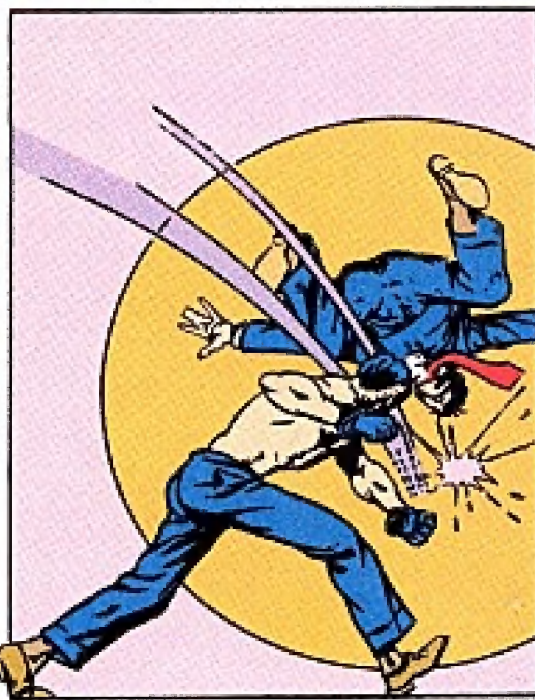
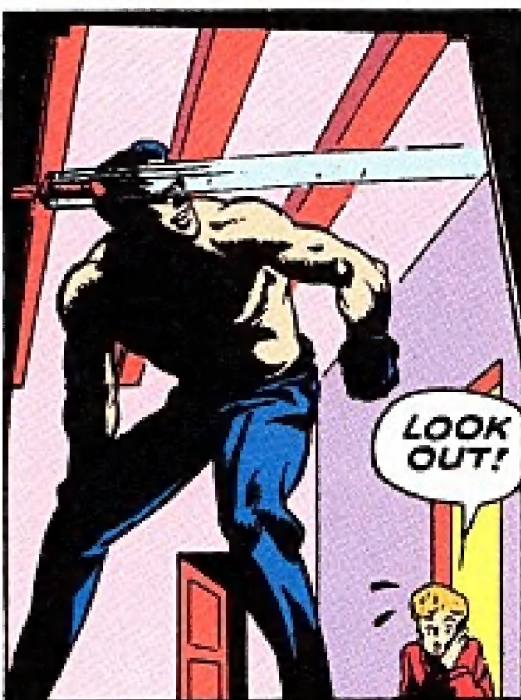




NOT A MUSCLE IN HIS FACE MOVES. . . . HIS EYES BECOME A KEEN COLD BLUE.







REALIZING HIS DEFEAT, AND GIVING VENT TO HIS HATE, RIPPER BEATS UP THE DEFENSELESS BARNEY





